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From the Editor

This is our Edmonton Pride issue of Times .10 magazine. Within this magazine you will find lots of events going on in our city over the next two months. Get out and enjoy all or at least some of them. Many of the community groups are undergoing some changes and these reflect in the events being sponsored by each of them. It is good to see a new level of maturity surrounding the groups. Some cities are not so fortunate and end up in battles taking the road of minor league games.

Without a doubt the largest and most emotional event taking place is the NAMES Project at the end of June. There will be over 400 Quilts representing people from all walks of life who have died of AIDS in Canada. This event will begin the day after Pride Week ends. As a side note it has been brought to our attention that certain people and one club have been excluded from the Pride Parade. We at the Times .10 Publications Society take no sides, but we would argue that excluding anyone might need some sober second thinking. Whether or not we get along with every group or opinion we are made up of many different characters. Would it not be a boring world if God had made each of us the same! Just as there are many different kinds of trees and flowers in the forest, there are many different kinds of people

whether they be gay, straight or bi-sexual. Since we have little option but to live on this planet for this short span of time let us look to each other for support.

One of the reasons we set up Times .10 as a society of friends was to put the interest of the Edmonton gay community first. It was and still is our hope that in some small way the word would get out that gay people are people too. It is a scramble to put each issue together and raise enough money to do so. At the last minute just enough money comes in to pay for the issue. If you stand behind this magazine then you too can become a member of the society by taking out a subscription by way of donating twenty-five bucks to the society. We will send you a copy of the magazine directly to your home. As always, support the advertisers in the magazine...they believe in you too.

So let us take some time to reflect over these next few months on our support for various projects taking place in our city. Here now, are some simple words from Marianne Faithfull

*...We are of such stuff, as dreams are made of,
And our little life is rounded,
With a sleep...*

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News on HIV/AIDS

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"When AIDS Testing Collides with Confidentiality" New York Times Last week, the Clinton Administration canceled a seven-year program to anonymously test newborns for HIV. The decision was made by top Administration officials in Washington, despite some disagreement at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala says the move was not political. "We thought there was a serious question about collecting information about which we didn't inform parents," she explains. The solution is not simple. Almost three-quarters of the infants who test positive do not have HIV; they carry their mother's antibodies only temporarily. Every mother whose baby tests positive, however, is HIV-positive. In effect, the baby is testing the mother and this is where politics and policy collide. "You can't tamper with confidentiality laws because there is such strong opposition from AIDS activists," says Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn of Queens, who has been pushing a mandatory testing and notification bill for New York State for three years. Shalala says her goal is to get all pregnant women in the United States prenatal care and testing, and all information possible about their babies.

"Red Hot Organization Plans Five New Anti-AIDS Efforts" Billboard -The Red Hot Organization, which recently issued more than \$1 million in new grants for AIDS education and relief, has announced plans for five new projects. To date, the organization has issued more than \$5 million in grants from funds raised from its various recording and video projects. The most recent \$1 million was from Arista's modern rock compilation "No Alternative," which features Nirvana, Soul Asylum, and Smashing Pumpkins. A total of \$768,000 of the album's proceeds went to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). AmFAR administers and distributes the Red Hot funds to various AIDS charities. Red Hot creates generically themed projects that combine elements from music, film, and other arts that entertain and convey AIDS information in ways that are appropriate and meaningful to specific communities.

News From the HIV/AIDS Battlefront

"French Ministers Join 20,000 in March against AIDS"

Reuters - As many as 20,000 people marched through the streets of Paris on Sunday to raise funds for the war against AIDS. The junior minister for Emergency Humanitarian Action, the Fight against Exclusion, and the ministers of Health and Justice joined the second annual march to the Eiffel Tower. Last year's march raised 2 million francs (\$500,000). In France, more than 18,000 people have died of AIDS and an estimated 200,000 are infected.

"Clinic Can't Keep Up with AIDS"

Washington Post -The Whitman-Walker Clinic, the Washington, D.C., area's largest AIDS clinic, has decided to restrict its social work and medical care because its ability to provide such services has been overwhelmed by a significant increase in requests for help. The move reflects the dangerous position the epidemic has reached in the city—the number of cases is rapidly growing and government and private assistance for AIDS services has leveled off. The limits—effective June 1—represent a significant shift for the clinic, which began 22 years ago as a free clinic for homosexual men and has developed into one of the country's largest sources of help for people with AIDS. The cap, which applies only to Whitman-Walker's main location on 14th and S streets NW, will essentially freeze the clinic's volume of patients at its present level. The main clinic is the only one that provides medical treatment, with approximately 1,500 patients, and provides about two-thirds of the social work services.

AIDS INFORMATION

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Women and HIV Infection

A Selected Guide to Resources About Women and HIV/AIDS: A Pathfinder

Developments in the second decade of the HIV/AIDS epidemic show women, especially minority women, to be increasingly affected. Infection rates among women are soaring, with AIDS now the fourth-leading cause of death among women between the ages of 25 and 44, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics. Meanwhile, women who are not infected find themselves thrust into the roles of caregivers for Persons with AIDS (PWAs) or for the children that have been left behind.

This pathfinder is intended to help women affected by HIV/AIDS and those who work with them locate HIV/AIDS related information resources. The sampling of resources includes newsletters and other periodicals, educational materials such as monographs and brochures, journal articles, information on national organizations, and electronic bulletin boards and Internet resources.

Newsletters Focusing on Women

Newsletters provide timely access to the latest developments related to the epidemic, can often provide information about a community or specific topics, and also offer important networking opportunities. The newsletters listed below focus on women and women's issues. Entries include pricing information when available. To obtain information about additional newsletters, contact the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse at 800-458-5231 and ask for a search of the Periodicals Database.

For HIV Positive Women LAP Notes This annual

newsletter, in both English and Spanish, addresses issues concerning HIV and lesbians, female bisexuals, transgendered lesbians, and all women who have sex with other women. Available from Gay Men's Health Crisis, Lesbian AIDS Project, 129 W. 20th St., New York, NY 10011. (212) 337-3532. Free.

Women Being Alive This quarterly newsletter publishes articles written by and for women infected with HIV or affected by AIDS. Occasionally, articles in Spanish are included. Available from Women Being Alive, 3626 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. (213) 667-3262. Subscription: \$20 annually. **For Women and Children Affected by HIV/AIDS** **AIDS Medicine and Miracles: Our Newsletter to Family and Friends** This quarterly newsletter contains information about treatment for HIV disease from a holistic point of view. Available from AIDS Medicine and Miracles, P.O. Box 9130, Boulder, CO 80301-9130. (303) 447-8777. (800) 875-8770. Free. **FCAN Newsletter** This monthly newsletter publishes brief articles on treatment issues, and looks at AIDS-related public policies with an emphasis on how they affect families. Available from Families and Children's AIDS Network, 721 North LaSalle Street, Suite 311, Chicago, IL 60610. (312) 655-7360. Free.

Mothers' Voices This newsletter, published three times a year, encourages advocacy for PWAs and participation in functions that raise public awareness about AIDS. The newsletter particularly addresses mothers of children with HIV/AIDS. Available from Mothers' Voices, 165 W. 46th St., Ste. 1310, New York, NY 10036. (212) 730-2777. Free. **Pediatric AIDS and HIV Infection: Fetus to Adolescent** This monthly technical journal covers issues related to pediatric AIDS, covering children from before birth through adolescence. It looks at health care delivery, treatment advances, clinical trials, and legal issues. Available from Mary Ann Liebert Incorporated, 1651 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10128. (212) 289-2300. Subscription: \$85 annually for individuals, \$106 for institutions, plus \$10.95 shipping and handling.

Covering Topics of Interest to Women **Common Factor: The Voice of the Committee of Ten Thousand** This newsletter approaches the effect of HIV on the hemophilia community from an advocate's

point of view. Available from Committee of Ten Thousand, 583 Plain St., Stoughton, MA 02072.

Critical Path AIDS Project This monthly journal presents information on AIDS and its treatment, looking at nutritional and other non-mainstream therapies as well as clinical trials, experimental drugs, and research programs. Each issue includes listings of support groups, clinical trials, and other PWA resources within the area of publication. Available from Critical Path Project, P.O. Box 2126, 2062 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19103. (215) 545-2212.

Poz This magazine is written for and about HIV-positive individuals. Articles in POZ emphasize quality of life issues for those who are HIV-positive. HIV/AIDS activists and HIV-positive celebrities are profiled and interviewed. Available from Strubco, Incorporated, 349 West 12th St., New York, NY 10014. (800) 883-2163. Subscription: \$19.95 annually for individuals, \$79.97 for corporations. Available free to persons with HIV infection or AIDS, based on financial need, by writing POZ Subscriptions, P.O. Box 1965, Danbury, CT 06813.

To request a customized search for journal articles on women and the HIV/AIDS epidemic, call the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse at 800-458-5231.

Educational Materials

Available from a variety of sources, including CDC NAC where noted, these materials provide valuable information about women and AIDS-related issues. Prices are included when available.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus Antibody Testing in Women 15-44 Years of Age: United States, 1990. 16 p. National Center for Health Statistics, 6525 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782. (301) 436-8500. Free. This report presents the results of a survey of HIV testing, including demographic characteristics, location and reasons for testing, behaviors and conditions associated with testing, and attitudes and perceptions related to HIV/AIDS.

Positive Women: Voices of Women Living With AIDS. 1992, 269 p. *Voices of Positive Women*, P.O. Box 471, Stn. C, Toronto, M6J 3P5, Canada. (416) 324-8703. Free. This monograph is an international anthology of 38 stories, poems, interviews, and photo essays by women who have tested positive for HIV.

Safer Sex Handbook for Lesbians. 1993, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Lesbian AIDS Project, 129 W. 20th St., New York, NY 10011. (212) 337-3532. Free. This publication addresses HIV/AIDS prevention through safer sex, discussing oral, vaginal and anal intercourse; kissing; use of gloves, condoms and barriers; lubricants; and cleaning of sex toys and needles. Communication between sex partners is encouraged. It discusses HIV transmission through body fluids and shared hypodermic needles.

Well-Being: The Public Benefits Guide for Women With AIDS and Their Children. 1993, 19 p., Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition, 2449 Hyperion Ave., Ste. 100, Los Angeles, CA 90027. (213) 664-1692. This guide gives advice to low-income women with AIDS on how to get assistance from government and community programs for themselves and their children.

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Condoms Can Prevent Aids

by Dr. Stan Houston

The Journal's Insight columnist William Gairdner, in the unaccustomed role of science and health commentator, may have left an impression which was not only misleading, but potentially dangerous, regarding the efficacy of condoms.

Condoms are not, as Gairdner quite correctly asserts, the sole solution to the problem of HIV. Abstinence from any sexual activity involving exchange of body fluids or a monogamous relationship with someone who has been tested to be HIV negative and who is also monogamous, are the most reliable means of avoiding the risk of HIV infection. This point must continue to be emphasized in HIV prevention education. The reality is however, that a large proportion of Albertans in all walks of life do not abide by those rules absolutely or all of the time. Public health advice has to deal with the behavior of real people in order to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

Gairdner has very selectively quoted the results of several laboratory studies which are of doubtful relevance to the efficacy of condoms in normal use. There may be several reasons that condoms work so much better than their appearance by electron microscope might suggest.

For example, the infectious dose of HIV, as for many infections, is not one but usually thousands of viruses. Secondly, the virus is not a naked particle able to slip through microscopic holes, but is usually suspended in viscous body secretions, often within white blood cells which are very much larger than

the virus itself.

The bottom line is that condoms have been shown, both in studies and in extensive clinical experience, to markedly reduce the risk of HIV transmission, if used consistently and correctly. In fact, most condom failures are due to human failure rather than mechanical or technical problems. Nonetheless, I wholeheartedly share Gairdner's concern that high standards of condom quality be ensured.

A theoretical concern related to condoms is the possibility that their use might result in increased sexual activity. This appears rarely, if ever, to be the case. The decision to be sexually active is, after all, usually not a coolly calculated rational one in any circumstance. Societies which promote a responsible attitude to sexual activity, including condom use, not only have fewer pregnancies and less STD transmission, but often find a later onset of less sexual activity and fewer partners.

I have no doubt Gairdner shares our interest in reducing the risk of transmitting or acquitting this fatal infection. I trust that his concern extends to all Canadians. He must then recognize that condoms are one very important, if imperfect, weapon in the struggle against HIV, with the potential to save many Canadian lives.

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Our very own version of the Village People and the Supremes (shown above) are getting ready to do some fund-raising in Regina and Vancouver. They are well known in Edmonton as a fun-loving group who put their support behind community groups and services.

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The Presence of Absence

by James Tyler Irvine

"Over the years the Quilt has become many things to many people, a talisman of sorrow and memory, a fund raising device, a piece of art, and on its most primitive level, an object that satisfies the ancient human longing to soothe grief by working with the hands."

Tracy Thompson
Washington Post

The first sensation that makes the skin on your face tingle as you walk into the lee pavilion at Edmonton's Citadel Theater, is the humidity born from the lush tropical plants and the water wall created by the Carlson Aquascape. The pavilion is lit by natural light which streams through windows way, way up in the ceiling and it is a wonderful place to come, to rest and to get away from the bustle which hums just outside its doors.

This year the Lee Pavilion is pleased to welcome back a dear friend as 'THE WORKS' A VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL brings back to Edmonton for a second time in five years the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt, The NAMES Project - Canada. The ' PRESENCE OF ABSENCE' exhibit will be on display from Monday June 26 to Wednesday July 5, as part of the celebrations of 'THE WORKS' tenth anniversary and for all to come out and view its 432 quilts

So, what is the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt? And why is it a must see? Sit back, get comfortable, lean on into this article and I'll tell you a true story.....

In 1989, when cigarettes were a lot cheaper, the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt was first displayed in Halifax Nova Scotia. Halifax was the kick off point for THE NAMES PROJECT - CANADA tour. The organizers were able to bring memorial quilts from all over Canada and these panels were joined by sections of the American Quilt, which at the time was needing close to 13 acres in order to accommodate the immensity of the exhibit. The reading of the names which appeared in the AIDS Quilt display in 1988, lasted for eleven hours. In 1990, when the NAMES appeared in Edmonton there were 260 panels in the exhibit, covering an area of about 6,000 square feet. I had the privilege of attending that

event.

I had been told by a few friends not to see the Quilt alone, strength in numbers helping to camouflage our individual grief. In this society of daily - planners and last minute schedule changes, I found myself unaccompanied, at this magnificent memorial.

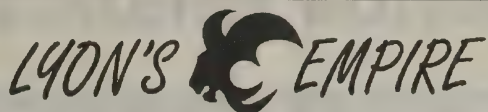
One of my first contacts when I arrived was Kevin Hendricks. Kevin was one of the co-ordinators for the exhibit, providing literature, t-shirts, kleenex and of course hugs. The Quilts which hung above and around us were no more than six feet above our heads, so each name and each tribute could be easily read.

As I walked through the exhibit, a memory came to mind of myself as a small boy, walking through a cemetery with my father in his home town, and him stopping to dab his eyes as we passed headstones marking the graves of friends he had lost in the war. Here I was standing amongst the names of those who had died, some that I had known, all of them fighting for a cure for AIDS.

The sheer power of this exhibit makes the viewing of it a very personal experience. The ambience of the Lee Pavilion, with its lush plants, fountains, suspended walkways and the fluttering about of little birds, naturally provides the tranquility one hopes for. The day that I saw the Quilt, there were many others viewing it as well, each of us on islands of our own emotions. A simple nod or hello to each other seemed to provide a sense of comfort amongst all of the beautiful sadness. At the time I thought I was fortunate, for I only knew a few of those whose names hung from the panels. I had friends who knew many and had to confront their losses many more times than I.

So why is this brilliant, moving, kleenex clutching, memory making memorial a must see? The NAMES Project Canada is wonderfully unique. Not only does it provide the names and life reigns, it also provides a personal glimpse of what each person was like. Momentos, from slogans "I miss your bitchin'! L to shirts, pins, teddy bears, sunglasses, these inanimate, yet intimate objects bring personality scapes to each lovingly crafted Quilt. Each time you stand in front of a panel, you find that by the time you move on to the next one, you know something special about the name you are viewing.

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And

The Presence of Absence

Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt The Names Project - Canada - Le project des NOMS

In celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of "The Works", a visual arts festival, The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.

Over 400 Canadian Quilts will be on display from Monday, June 26 to Wednesday, July 5, 1995

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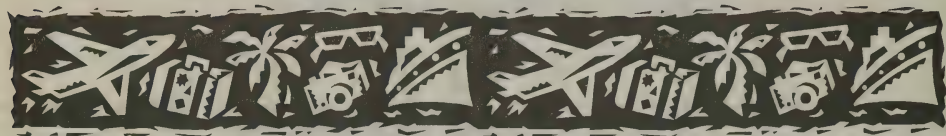
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DESTINATION TORONTO



By Freddie Marsh -
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I recently returned from my first trip to Toronto. My friend Shawn moved there a couple of years ago and I thought it was about time I finally took a week off and went off for a visit. I had passed through Toronto before but I had never been interested in spending any time. I usually like to holiday in the US or in Europe and I thought that Toronto would be boring. I can honestly say that I was dead wrong. Toronto is an exciting city with a large and energetic gay community. I enjoyed Toronto as much as any foreign city I have visited.

The epi-centre of Toronto's "gay ghetto" is Church Street. Church Street is two blocks from Yonge Street

and runs parallel with it. Church Street is a busy street lined with trendy shops, restaurants, and bars. Toronto's Gay Community Centre, which is where the AIDS Memorial is located, is on Church as well. In the Church Street area, gay couples openly show signs of affection and don't receive a second glance. The gay lifestyle is very much the norm in this part of Toronto. The subway stop for the Church Street area is Wellsley.

On my first night in Toronto, Shawn played tour guide and took me on an extensive tour of the clubs. The first bar we went to was a popular place called Woody's. Woody's is a friendly bar right on Church Street that attracts the Guppie crowd. There is no dance floor at Woody's, which probably explains why at around midnight, everyone seems to migrate down the street to the Barn.

The Barn is a funn dance club that stays open till 4 a.m. This three level club is located just off Church Street. The first two levels have dance floors and the music is high energy. The Barn gets very busy on the weekends. A cover charge is in effect after 1 a.m.

The next stop on our tour was Colby's. Colby's is just off Yonge Street. Colby's attracts a young ethnic crowd and has a crowded dance floor. We went to Colby's twice during the week and both times it was very busy.

There were so many different clubs and lounges that we visited it would be impossible to list them all. Toronto has an incredible variety of nightlife. We went out most nights and there were several places we didn't get a chance to go to. Toronto is a melting pot of

cultures. No matter what kind of food you like, you are sure to find it in Toronto. The Danforth area (Pape subway), which is in the east end of Toronto, has many excellent Greek and Portugese eateries. The Harbourfront area is well known for its seafood and Indian restaurants. There are many good restaurants in the Church Street area too. Some of Toronto's best restaurants are small undiscovered "holes-in-the-walls" with great atmosphere. I recommend exploring and trying one of the small ethnic restaurants that can be found on almost every corner.

There is a wide variety of accommodations in Toronto. There are many small gay bed and breakfasts and guesthouses that are reasonably priced. The Hotel Selby is a popular gay hotel that is housed in a unique character building on Sherbourne Street. There are two bars in the basement of the hotel so evenings can sometimes be noisy. The Best Western Primrose is in a great location and has very good rates. It's only one block from Church Street and rooms start at only \$72.00 a night.

An exciting time to visit Toronto will be at the beginning of July. That's when Toronto will celebrate Gay Pride Week. Last year over 300,000 people took part in the festivities. This year organizers are predicting up to 500,000 people from around the world will participate.

There are 5 airlines that are operating flights between Edmonton and Toronto this summer. Canadian Airlines and Air Canada both have several daily departures. To get the best fare with the scheduled

airlines you must book two weeks in advance. If you are willing to travel after 6:45 p.m. you will be eligible for night fares which are priced lower than daytime flights. There are also three charter airlines that fly between Edmonton and Toronto. Canada 3000, Air Transat and Royal Airlines are all currently offering programs to Toronto. The charter airlines don't require any advance purchase. Prices vary depending on the date of travel. The lowest rate during Gay Pride Week is \$419.00 return plus tax.

During the week I was in Toronto, I experienced only a small portion of what the city has to offer. Toronto has something for almost everyone. I can't wait until my next trip to Toronto.



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♈ Aries

June is a good time for searching, exploring, linking things together. You need to fulfill your curiosity now, and might find that easiest, through communication of all types. There may seem times when you're alone on your quest even though there are people all around. Use your energy this month for physical self betterment and for service to others. In July, home and family take the stage. Watch for criticism on your part and try not to be defensive to the observations of others. Relating skills are tested at month's end.

♉ Taurus

June is time to gather together all your resources, financial and otherwise. Pretty things have much appeal in late month, and there is a strong feeling to express yourself in shopping. Better long term if you just count your coins for now, and not splurge. July finds you meeting new friends and family, making many short explorative trips in your search for something solid to build with. Those born in the last few days of Taurus are still under the pressure of the last few years. Hold on 'til fall.

♊ Gemini

June is your month, gemini, time to examine the year past and see what you've learned. You might find the first two weeks are not quite up to par. Misunderstandings around the fifth might not get cleared until the 19th. New information at this time that catches your attention could set the stage for the coming year's focus, if you can ever be said to be focused. July finds you counting your purse. What have you got that you can use, in skills, values, dollars and other resources. Good news arrives on the 28th.

♋ Cancer

June finds you letting go of junk. Great time for a garage sale or to clean up the attic in your head. You'll be called on by many this month and could

find that you don't have time to yourself. Of course this is what makes you so crabby at times. If you give in to the inevitable and just nurture those who need it, your turn will come. In fact July is the time for you to turn inward. If that garage sale was successful, you'll have more energy now. Any extra junk still lying about should be tossed, to leave you free to concentrate on developing your strengths.

♌ Leo

Feeling idealistic in June, you could find yourself associating with like minded people on some worthy or high minded project. Your planning skills are at a high now, so this is a good time to set future goals. As the moon approaches full in mid-month you will find your creative energies flowing strong. July brings a time to separate chaff and wheat in your life. Spend more time in quiet surroundings or in solitude before the 24th to keep your vitality up.

♍ Virgo

June finds most of you energized. That "something" out there that's been stopping each of you in one way or another is still there but this month you seem to have the energy to deal with it. Communication gaffs test your career on the 5th, but your dedication and attentiveness will see you through. July finds you still feeling strong but a note of caution. On the 11th to the 13th you could be up against a brick wall, or battling fruitlessly. Complaint may be your only release.

♎ Libra

Expand your horizons in June. Travel, learning, anything that will broaden your outlook is recommended. In mid-month, you could find others helping you toward new understandings of old ideas. Seeking partners ideas and opinions at this time will bring the biggest rewards. All this new awareness will be needed in July when you are asked to take on more responsibility in your chosen field. The 5th of the month brings a test and an opportunity to progress.

♏ Scorpio

June is an intense time of year for you. It's time to get down to business with yourself and get real. You usually enjoy this process of forcing yourself to look at your life squarely and there should be no surprises for most of you. Those of you born in the last few days of this sign are still under pressure from last year's issues. Remember that if you can't let go of the past you will be forced to relive it. July finds you opening up to a newer world, finding yourself expanding in new directions. Providing and

environment to expose you to new ideas now will maximize this potential.

♊ Sagittarius

Have you been expanding your horizons, or just your waistline? June and July could easily find you struggling to re-learn something you already thought you'd got down pat. Look to a partner to give you input around the 13th of June that could have lasting repercussions. July might find you re-examining some basic assumptions and letting go of many. Travel with friends or partners in June but in July you could need financial help to do so.

♊ Capricorn

June is hard work time for you. Check out your daily routine to see what can be improved and watch your health issues. Old habit patterns could hit you from behind in mid month and lay you low. Routine is your key word for this month. July is the time for you to look to others for aid, and for partnerships. If you're single and looking, the full moon this month could be really good to you. If you're still daydreaming about becoming rich quick, remember your motto... Slow and steady wins the race.

♊ Aquarius

Don't despair if things seem to be going backward all of a sudden. The last couple of months have given you some insights but by mid-June you will find that the sense of freedom was illusory. There are still structures in your life that need challenging and changing. From now to year's end you have the chance to do so. June finds you being creative and expressive. By July you'll be asked to attend to details and maintenance drudgery. If all goes well you could find a romantic spark appearing at month's end.

♊ Pisces

Broadening the communication channels at home could be the best thing for you in June. The test will come on the 19th. For those of you who know little about your roots, this is a great time to explore. Career plans may seem to be going forward far too slowly for most of you. Hold onto hope. When things turn around they'll do so with lightening speed. July is a good time to express yourself creatively... especially in your own home. Whether this be redecorating or writing a novel, the choice is yours. As always this year self discipline is on the front burner.

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The Presence of Absence

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When the NAMES Project visited Edmonton in 1990, it received great community support. Its showing coincided with Gay Pride Week. This year the organizers for the exhibit are expecting more than 100,000 people to view the exhibit during its nine day showing. 'THE WORKS' festival draws 250,000 visitors each year to their various venue locations in downtown Edmonton. The Citadel Theater is again the host venue for the PRESENCE OF ABSENCE.

The NAMES Project Canada/Le Projet des NOMS-Canada, as of May 15 is comprised of 54 12' x 12' sections. Each 12' x 12' section contains 8 individual 3' x 6' quilts. This coming together of beautiful fabrics when laid out would cover 7,776 square feet. Take a walk into the downtown A & B store and imagine the floors and walls completely covered by the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt, and that's how large it is.

The NAMES Project Canada/Le Projet des NOMS-Canada when it is not touring, is stored at the Project's office in Halifax, however, each region stores three to six 12' x 12' sections for area access. The cost of storing the bulk of the exhibit in Halifax, is around \$300.00/month. Each region is responsible for the cost of storing their own sections.

The NAMES Project Canada/Le Projet des NOMS-Canada relies on display fees and individual donations for its solvency. Not only are there storage fees, but production and behind the scenes production also require funding. In turn, donations raised for the display of the Quilt, directly help the following Edmonton AIDS service organizations; Living Positive-Edmonton Persons Living With HIV Society, AIDS Network of Edmonton Society, Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society, Alberta Society for Positive Women and

Interfaith Association on AIDS. THE PRESENCE OF ABSENCE Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt Display is also seeking donations from organizations and the business community. Major sponsorship opportunities begin at \$1000.00, however, any and all donations will be gratefully accepted. Further Information can be obtained by contacting Kevin Hendricks at E.P.L.W. HIV Society at 488-5742. Over 250 volunteer shifts must be filled. To volunteer for THE PRESENCE OF ABSENCE, call June at 488-5742. An important philosophy of the NAMES Project Canada/Le Projet des NOMS Canada fundraising strategy is that it will not pursue funding support from any source that is an operational or core funder of Community Based AIDS Organizations. This eliminates Provincial and Federal health dollars as a means of support for the Canadian AIDS Quilt.

Even after all the hugs have been given out and the teary eyes have been wiped, the heartbeat of this magnificent monument continues. As the panels are gently folded, and most of them shipped back to Halifax, the NAMES Project founding board is hard at work planning for future exhibitions. John Stinson who represents the Prairies on the NAMES Project Canada board said in an interview by fax this week, that some plans for the NAMES Project in the future are the formation of AIDS Quilt committees across Canada. How about this! "Electronic NAMES Project" to be featured on the Internet. This program will feature advice on how to make a panel, information about current panels, and upcoming display news. But for all of this to happen, donations are the key.

As the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt makes its second visit to Edmonton, it reveals a sad but true fact, the number of those we have lost to AIDS and its allies in such a brief time. Yet, it is reassuring to know that a memorial as beautiful, intimate, and moving as this is alive to tell their story.

Please come and experience THE PRESENCE OF ABSENCE.

EXHIBITIONS AT THE EDMONTON ART GALLERY; SUMMER 1995

Attila Richard Lukacs

June 10 - August 20, 1995

Originally from Edmonton, Attila Richard Lukacs has been living and working in Berlin since 1986. His work is both shocking and enthralling. The Workers Series consists of six large paintings, peopled with life-size figures portraying elements of skinhead counter culture. Beyond his fascination with the male form, Lukacs is interested in aspects of political history, including communism and fascism. He offers a very personal and humorous vision (often abrasively so) of one reality. His "practise... takes the form of a bitter account, one that offers no alternative model. It is up to us to push the reflection further." The paintings have attracted considerable international attention in recent years, not only for their rich, painterly surfaces and monumental scale (up to 4 x 12 metres), but also for their highly charged subject matter. Drawing on a rich history of

western art ranging from the black figure drawings of ancient Greek pottery to the group portraits of Rembrandt, Lukacs depicts a world of aggressive sexuality, elaborately coded social relations and alternative notions of male beauty. This exhibition is organized and circulated by the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, curated by Paulette Gagnon.

Savage - Graces: Gerald McMaster

Savage Graces is the most recent accomplishment in Gerald McMaster's investigation to understand his identity as an indigenous person in this world at this particular time." Gerald McMaster, born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, is Plains Cree from the Red Pheasant Reserve. Besides being a practising artist, he is curator of Contemporary Indian Art at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Hull.

Exhibitions Opening:

Saturday, June 24, 1995

The Edmonton Art Gallery and the Works are jointly celebrating their openings at the gallery. Everyone is welcome and admission is free, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

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Violence

par Berto

Toujours dans le cadre des entrevues sur la violence faite aux gai(e)s, voici l'entrevue que j'ai obtenue du comédien ontarien Dave Robinson lors de son passage à Montréal, l'automne dernier.

(BERTO) Dave, vous débutez dans le milieu artistique, ne croyez-vous pas que de vous «livrer» ouvertement à cette entrevue pourrait nuire à votre carrière de comédien ?

(DAVE) Non pas du tout, tout le monde connaît mon orientation sexuelle, ce n'est un secret pour personne. Je n'ai jamais caché mon homosexualité. Je lis souvent tes chroniques, je sais que tu travailles sérieusement et c'est pour ça que j'ai accepté cette entrevue. Je voudrais aussi mettre les gai(e)s en garde contre certains homophobes dont le «sport» en fin de semaine est de tabasser des homosexuels.

(BERTO) Tu as été victime d'une agression lors d'un passage à Montréal. Peux-tu nous raconter ce qui s'est passé ?

(DAVE) J'étais venu avec mon amant, nous étions de passage, en route vers New York où je devais passer une semaine dans un théâtre et aussi pour un contrat. Nous avions pris 4 jours de «vacances» à Montréal. Nous sommes sortis de l'hôtel, il était environ 20 heures, et nous marchions sur la rue Sainte Catherine à la recherche d'un restaurant gai. Notre «mésaventure» a commencé devant la station de métro Beaudry. Un gars dans la vingtaine nous a demandé de la monnaie. Scott, mon amant, a fouillé dans ses poches et trois autres gars nous ont poussé dans le petit parc derrière les cabines téléphoniques. Ils nous ont bousculés, frappés à coups de poing, puis l'un d'entre eux a sorti un couteau et nous a menacés. Nous étions très nerveux. Un autre gars a vidé

nos poches et a pris nos portefeuilles. Avant de prendre la fuite, l'un des gars (le plus costaud) a envoyé un coup de poing, en pleine face, à Scott et m'a donné un coup de genou entre les jambes en nous traitant de «maudites tapettes de merde».

Je me suis effondré par terre, ils ont pris la fuite avec notre argent et nos cartes. Nous nous sommes relevés tant bien que mal et nous avons sauté dans un taxi. Nous avons demandé au chauffeur de nous conduire à l'hôpital, je crois que c'était Notre-Dame.

(BERTO) Vous n'avez pas appelé la police, pourquoi ?

(DAVE) Nous n'avions pas le temps, nous aurions raté l'avion pour New York. Nous avons décidé ça à bord du taxi, mais si ce n'avait pas été de ce contrat, nous aurions porté plainte à la police. C'est certain ! Nos blessures n'étaient pas trop graves, Scott avez le nez rouge et enflé, mais rien de cassé.

C'est un événement malheureux. Cela aurait pu se produire n'importe où, à New York ou même chez-nous à Toronto. Mais ça ne nous empêchera pas de revenir à Montréal, c'est sûr ! Pour terminer, je conseillerai à tout le monde de porter plainte à la police en pareille circonstance. On ne devrait pas tolérer cette situation, il faut que la violence homophobe cesse.

(BERTO) Dave et Scott, je vous remercie pour cette entrevue en vitesse, et je vous souhaite bonne chance à New York.

Pour ce qui est de la violence dans le village gai à Montréal, il pourrait bien s'agir des mêmes individus, d'après les témoignages la façon d'opérer est la même et les descriptions sont semblables. Soyez sur vos gardes et à la prochaine.

Pride '95

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Friday June 16

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Saturday June 17

1 PM Wet. Wild & Sassy: Safer Sex for
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AIDS Network of Edmonton

8 PM Womonspace/GLCCE Mixed Dance
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8 PM Pride Cabaret

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Sunday June 18

12:30 PM Celebrating Safer Sex for
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Wednesday June 21

6 PM Liatrus Tour of Devonian Gardens

8 PM Boystown Cabaret, benefit for GLCCE

Friday June 23

7:30 PM OUR ART

Queer Sightings Film Festival

Saturday June 24

12:30 PM Parade!! Gazebo Park, P-FLAG picnic
to follow, Queen E. Park

8 PM Vocal Minority Concert, Convocation Hall

8 PM Black Solstice, Catalyst Theatre

NORTHERN CHAPS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD 1995

A year ago Northern Chaps initiated an award that I hope will continue on and become a tradition we can be proud of. It is "The Northern Chaps Community Service Award". Last year at the 1994 Mr. Alberta Drummer Competition, Northern Chaps presented the award, for the first time, to B&B Leatherworks. This year..... I guess we'll find out in June.

The community service award was conceived by the Executive of Chaps last year, to honour those individuals who most exemplify the philosophy and practice of the Leather Lifestyle.

This award however is not closed to those outside the leather community. This award is designed also to honour these people who stand out within the Gay & Lesbian community, in their support of Leather & Leather Folk.

At "Black Solstice" June 1, 1995 Northern Chaps will again be honouring an individual or individuals who exemplify these strengths of our community.



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CONVERSATION

by Philip J. Dawson

As I walked with my sister along the seawall I noticed how lovely she looked. Linda was in her fifth month of pregnancy and she beamed. It's true when they say the creation of life within exudes on the surface of a mother. I couldn't help getting a rush at her side. It was quite extraordinary. An uplifting and much needed feeling on my return to Vancouver after four years. Since moving to Edmonton, I hadn't had time to slip back for a quick weekend until now. Stanley Park seemed more vast in its dominance of nature and beauty than I had remembered.

The first moments of walking were spent in our own thoughts. Then Linda pointed up to the mountains toward north Vancouver saying, "we should have dinner on top Grouse Mountain before you go back, Chris."

"I'd like that." The restaurant was an old family favorite.

"Do you miss all this?" she asked.

"No. It had its time. Now I have another part of me growing in Edmonton. That's nice too. We go on in other ways carrying and simplifying all we have been. Getting better each day."

"Whoa! Dear brother, aren't we in a state of thought," she exclaimed.

"Yeah, I guess it comes from each man I see." I answered, laughing at my choice of words. "You sort of re-evaluate the lesson and the self. Then you're able to cope better. With yourself and the next HIM."

"Chris, you will find somebody. A man you can love because he'll do the same. The trick is to be patient, and I can't help you out there." She was right. Determined to have a child with or without a father, here she is doing it all alone. Probably the better choice for her.

"I know. I'm not exactly waiting at the bus stop, ya know."

Changing the tune, Linda said, "so, how's the writing coming? If I know you there's probably something out there pissing you off."

"Well, there was a series of letters in the paper regarding the Charter of Rights and the

inclusion of sexual orientation. Some woman wrote in and said her rights as, and get this, 'a Christian Canadian' were jeopardized. So, that in turn provoked a battle of differences from others." I spoke sighing on my words.

"On and on it goes, huh?" Linda said, feeling the pain of us all. "I wonder how these people face themselves when they're alone. Do they feel remorse for the pain they inflict? How do they separate reality from falsity?"

"They're falsity is reality."

"But it's such hypocrisy!"

I was watching a seaplane lifting off, listening, "I don't know. Certainly God isn't listening. Here they are spreading this shit; affirming in fear."

"That's interesting. I guess they are so scared they only have God to rely on."

"Relying on God is wonderful, as long as it's done in the right light. That is through our Self."

"Well, Chris, Their crutch is the Bible."

"But man has altered it to his needs."

"Well of course it was a man. Look at the mess he's made of it." Teasing she flashed her winning smile.

"It would be great if we could all stop. I mean stop and look at this wonderful mosaic of life we live, tasting the pleasures given to one another. Like, what would happen if the Pope suddenly embraced a lesbian couple. What would the masses do?"

"They'd shit! That's what they'd do. Right there on the spot. But then," laughter slowing her words, "the Pope could ride in the Pride parades. With the Empress."

"Yea, and the Dykes-on-Bikes leading."

After a few minutes Linda said, "You are dreaming though. About stopping and calling for a 'day one'. It's like the guy who's raised in a small town, grows up in that small town and dies in that small town. It was enough. He didn't want to look beyond. Damned if he'd leave and meet someone like you who'd shake everything up. No way. His world was safe."

The activity in the harbor held our attention as

we spoke. So many things were happening all at once, and yet it was beautiful; boats sailing, planes flying, people enjoying the fine weather.

We found a beach at Linda's request. Sitting and taking it all in at one breath.

"Pride Week is coming up," I mentioned.

"What's it like in Edmonton. Do they have a parade?"

"No, it's more of a march, like Toronto."

Answering I noticed Linda watching a young boy walking along the edge of the seawall pretending he was on a tightrope at a circus. The star attraction. Oh, the joy of being a kid with the magic and wonders we once held.

"What are you thinking?" I followed her gaze from the boy to his mother who sat on the next bench reading.

"I hope I play an important part in my kid's life. I hope I'm there." The words flowed so easily as if she were in a dream state.

"Forever? No matter what?" I asked.

"Yea," now alert.

"O.K., picture this then: your daughter comes home one day and tells you she's a lesbian. Then what?"

"That's so funny. I mean, the other day after you phoned and said you were coming I actually thought about that. Strange huh?" Her gaze went again to the little boy, "Chris, I've waited so long to have a world safe enough, secure enough to be able to bring a child here and create a whole new existence for both of us. I'm not going to let the fact that my child is gay end that. It won't matter."

"It's easy to say that now, Linda, but what if..."

"No, stop. You're such a pig." She broke in furiously, "You think because you're gay and I'm not I'll do the wrong thing? I'll not love? That's not fair."

"Thanks Linda, you just made Pride Week for me. I knew what you'd say, but I just wanted to hear it." I could tell she was not amused, "Angry? Can I have a hug?"

"No."

"Com here," I said and we held for a long time in the security of friendship and family. We got up and continued our journey into the day.

"Did you know, dear sis, that this is the fiftieth anniversary of the Liberation of the Nazi camps.....?"

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There Goes the Neighbourhood

by Morgan D. Smith

Once, and not so very long ago, what we are was punishable under specific acts of law. Because of society's mores, most people of our ilk would lead sedate, and often lonely lives.

In the early '50s, western society at least started talking more openly about us. Kinsey completed a report which claimed we comprised an astounding ten percent of the population. This, however, developed more of a concern for the mainstream society and less of a consolation for us. Instead of enlightening the population, the statistic frightened it. Steadfast beliefs maintained that we were a threat to decency as opposed to an acceptable component of the social structure.

The '60s offered a somewhat better climate for social change. Brave men and women risked their livelihoods and sometimes their lives to say to the mainstream "we exist, and we will no longer bear the weight of oppression!" Still, being openly gay could be considerably perilous.

Stonewall erupted in New York in June of 1969 and in the City of Edmonton, one gay man said to a small group of friends, "this city needs a gay club." In 1969, I was seven years old and whether Edmonton had a gay club or not was of no concern to me.

By the end of that year, this small group had formed a society (the first registered gay society on the North American Continent), had chosen a location, and opened their doors to those who would dare enter through them. This, however, did not last. The owner of the building they had leased discovered that he was 'contributing to the decay of decency', and decided to lock the people out. The small group took the owner to court, recovered the money they had put into the endeavor and proceeded to find another location. An alternative site was found, and where the Boots & Saddle is now located was where Club '70 became a reality.

Between early 1970 and late 1977 the club was a gathering place for gay men and women to meet and socialize. "Up to 250 people on a good night" my roommate tells me, and he was there. As word got around, more and more people ventured "out", and for many, life became less obscure. In

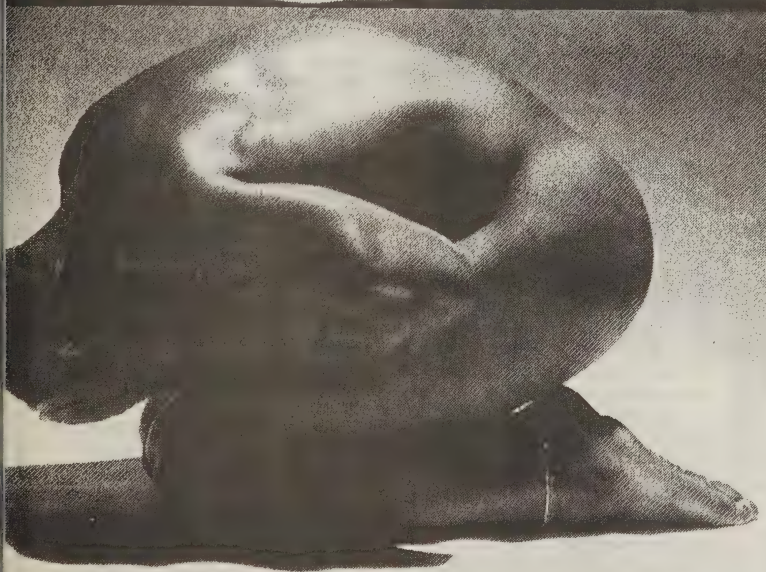
1977, I was fifteen and by that time I knew that I was very different from most of my male friends. I had also convinced myself that I was the only person who felt this way and what I was had to be a terrible secret. If anyone should ever find out.....

By the end of '77, Club '70 changed hands and for a short time was known as the Cha Cha Palace. At that time, the 106 Street Social Club Society was formed and in October of 1979 it became what we know it as today - The Boots & Saddle.

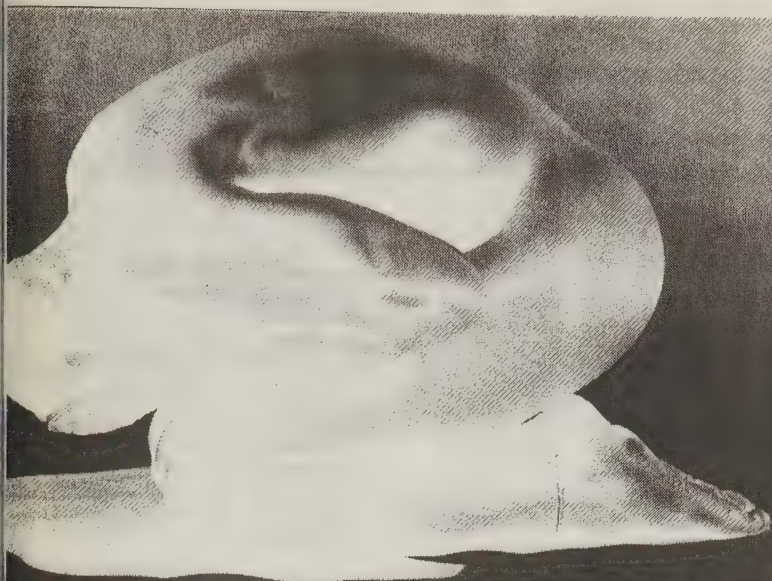
I returned to Edmonton in May of '84. I was twenty-two, and I still possessed that brand of fear that many of us have known. The closet I was in was very deep and I was standing in its darkest corner. But the reasons I chose to come back to this city were: first, I would be anonymous, and second, very deep down inside me I knew that I had to talk honestly with someone who was like me. Within my first month back, I realized that gay people actually had substantial contact with other gay people. They did not just arrange clandestine sexual trysts and then never see one another again. They told each other their real names, and developed honest friendships. They shared life experiences and when called for, they either laughed or cried on each other's shoulders. The venue where I discovered this freedom was "The Boots".

I am thirty-three now; I am less self absorbed and more cognizant of my community and its history. I am better able to appreciate the efforts of those who came before me. You see, my partner and I still frequent Boots regularly. Often, I see young men walk through the doors. They are usually wide-eyed, nervous and seem to be searching for something. I know that something is the safety and self acceptance that comes with knowing that they are not alone. When I see these young men, I think of how fortunate I was to have found that sense of acceptance.

Soon, many of the men and women who dared to stand against the prejudices of those early years will gather to celebrate the twenty-five years since Club '70 was formed. When they raise their glasses to toast their efforts, I hope they realize the difference they made. Many of us are truly grateful!



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AIDS Network of Edmonton Society

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Alberta Society for Positive Women

The society is dedicated to supporting the needs of women with HIV in the province of Alberta. We provide support, education and advocacy to women with HIV. This is provided through our Peer Counselling (488-5768), Support groups (424-6346), Education (488-5742) and Speakers Bureau (488-5742).

Alcoholics Anonymous

A A is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings.

Badminton Group

The group meets on Fridays at Oliver School between 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Use the door at the north entrance to the school. Everyone is welcome and some equipment is available. A small donation of one dollar is appreciated. Contact Frank at 990-1696 for the December and January schedule.

Edmonton Prime Timers

Prime Timers is a social fraternity for older gay and bisexual men and their friends. The purpose of Prime Timers is to provide an opportunity for mature gay men to fraternize and join together in a programme of social activities. If you would like more information drop a line to Edmonton Prime Timers, Suite 1093, 11444 - 119 Street, Edmonton, T5G 2X6.

Edmonton Vocal Minority

We are a group of women and men who join together in a common love for music, and the desire to build a greater spirit of unity and pride in the gay and lesbian community. We strive to bridge the gap which can separate us from the mainstream of society. Persons who wish to sing with the choir should call David at 424-1561. Support members are welcome to join by phoning Lorna at 423-6987.

Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society

The Feather of Hope was founded on a need to provide AIDS education and support to Native People in Alberta. Through education and the development of communities in partnership, it is hoped that the spread of AIDS will be lessened. We offer training and education programs, as well as support through traditional ways. Volunteers are very important to us, if you can help, or would simply like some more information call 488-5773

Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton (G.L.C.C.E.)

The centre contributes to the well-being of Edmonton's gay, lesbian and bisexual community through informational, social support services and its social information line. The services offered by the centre include an information line, telephone referrals, library, drop-in peer support counselling and social activities arranged and

sponsored by the centre. Further information is available at 488-3234

Gaylines

A special telephone service is available. The intent of this line is to aid in the forming of a central information net that will aid all walks of life. Messages are outgoing only. The line is setup in a single location that will be permanent and will also be listed in the phone directory. It is free to all Alternative Lifestyles, Support groups, Clubs, Individuals and Businesses. Call 486-9661 to request your mailbox.

Gay and Lesbian Awareness (G.A.L.A.)

We are an organization interested in human rights issues especially related to sexual orientation and changing Federal and Provincial legislation. We are always interested in new members. If you are interested call David Sanders at 487-2684.

Illusions Social Club

A social club for the TV/TS oriented. Our goal is to provide a safe, discrete meeting of kind in safe meeting locations. It's time to come out of the closet. For more information please write to Illusions, Box 33002, Glenwood PO, Edmonton, AB T5P 4V8 or phone (403) 486-9661

Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations which either provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held monthly on the last Wednesday. For meeting location and time please see the Court notice boards in Boots and Saddle or the Roost. You may also call Gaylines at 486-9661 and press box 27.

Interfaith Association on AIDS

Edmonton

The purpose of this association is to sensitize local faith communities and their leaders to the unique spiritual and emotional needs of those infected by HIV/AIDS. The following faith communities are included: Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Lutheran, Metropolitan Community Church, Roman Catholic, Temple Beth Ora, Ukrainian Catholic, Unitarian and United Churches. Phone 448-1768 for more information.

Les-Bi-Gay Darts Club

This is an informal and social dart club. No previous experience is necessary. We are here to have some fun and meet each other in an open atmosphere. There are no fees. We gather at GLCCE the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. Call 428-8847 or 421-4427.

Liason Committee, The

In June of 1993 Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community for med a liasion to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info call Edmonton Police Service at 424-7248 (pager 293) or Murray Billet at 482-7421

Lipstick Lesbian Youth Peer Support

This is an organization intended to allow all femme lesbians and bisexuals the chance to meet and realize that they are not alone. Our goal is not to segregate the lesbian community, but to acknowledge that femmes do exist. This is an opportunity to meet and socialize with other femmes. Please call 988-4836 for more information.

Living Positive

Emotional, Spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support in. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and

a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768

Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call Tim at 426-2533, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4

Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton (M.C.C.)

We are a local church within the denomination of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Our major focus is to the defranchised of society. The UFMCC allows anyone to feel a part of the Christian Community and to claim our place in God's Universe. Services are open to all. We worship on Sunday evenings and on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Please feel free to join us! Call 429-2321 for more information.

Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established six years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern chaps meets at Boots & Saddle on the first and third Friday of each month at 9 PM.

Northern Titans

Northern Titans is the Gay and Lesbian bowling league in Edmonton. You are welcome to join either as a team member or a drop in. Bowling time is 5:15 every Saturday at Lynwood Bowl on 16127 - 118 Avenue. There is a \$12.00 charge for shoes and three games. Call 454-1458 for info.

OUTreach

OUTreach is a university based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every

Tuesday at 5:00 pm on campus; main floor of the Athabasca hall. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by calling 988-4166.

Pink Triangle Youth of Edmonton (P.T.Y.E.)

The Pink Triangle Youth Group is a program offered by the Community Centre. The youth group exists so that young people age 16 to 21 - lesbians, gays, bisexuals and those wondering about their sexuality can explore their feelings, meet other young people like themselves. Information is available to all along with fun in a safe, supportive environment. Phone 488-1574 for more information about the Youth Group.

Team Edmonton

Our goal is to enhance Edmonton's Gay and Lesbian community by facilitating participation in sporting, cultural, and leisure activities at the local, national and international levels. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton call 486-9661 Box 16 for more info.

Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender discussion group. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month. Call UCE at 454-8073 or Anita at 454-1992. Not necessarily Christian.

Womonspace

The purpose of Womonspace is to foster a positive of Lesbian identity among ourselves and the larger community. We hold dances, produce a newsletter and hold other activities. For information call the Lesbian Life Line at 425-0511.

If you are an Edmonton based Gay or Lesbian Community non-profit, non-pornographic group and wish to be included in this directory send a short description to Times 10 Magazine, Box 932, Edmonton, AB T5J 2L8 or Fax us at 431-1333



Sound Bites - Gib Adams

Being that this issue coincides with Gay Pride 95, there won't be any reviews of hetero-corporate record company product. Instead, Sound Bites celebrates three separate releases that deal with Gay Culture. As ITV would say - "It's Ours."

And keeping with that theme is "Pow To The Moon Alice!", a new addition to the column. Each issue will feature a local "legend in their own lunchtime" who gets to pick their Top 10 discs to take to the moon. Enjoy.

The AIDS Quilt Songbook (Harmonia Mundi, 1994)

The premiere of the AIDS Quilt Songbook took place on June 4, 1992 at Alice Tully Hall in New York City. The performance was recorded two days later at the auditorium of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The project was the inspiration of American baritone William Parker who himself was diagnosed with AIDS in 1986. The concept behind the project was to put together a song cycle that would give voice to composers or poets who were living with AIDS or who had been affected by the disease. Joining Parker were three fellow baritones - Kurt Ollman, William Sharp and Sanford Sylvan.

On March 29, 1993 William Parker died of complications caused by AIDS. To quote Philip Caggiano from the liner notes, "This recording is William Parker's legacy to those who have died of AIDS, who will continue to lose their lives in our battle against this plague and to those of us left behind and robbed of our loved ones until one day a cure is found."

Many of the songs deal directly with the disease and/or the emotional toll it takes. Other pieces are written from a more metaphysical standpoint. While such songs are open to personal interpretation, the disc does come with a booklet that offers a short explanation of each song.

The cycle undeniably begins with "Fury". The piece addresses the inevitable result of the epidemic, death. It is the rage caused by a disease that leaves no choices for its victims. The song opens with "I have a poisoned hand, I have a bitter voice. I look Death in the face, I have no choice." "Heartbeats", however, deals with fighting AIDS each step of the way, only to find that there is only one path. Each two-syllable phrase in the poem alternately deals with hope and the resulting advancement of symptoms. Presented in a darker, bleaker tone "Fairy Book Lines". Quotes from nursery

rhymes are juxtaposed against advancing symptoms that slowly condemn the body back to the earth it came from.

Many of the songs here are sad, bitter and caustic, while some just depict the harsh realities of AIDS. The few spots of humour are either dark and ironic, as in "80's Miracle Diet" which mocks advertising slogans with an AIDS twist. Or, pulled from the fear, ignorance and paranoia about HIV transmission in "AIDS Anxiety". Delivered in Broadway fashion by three separate singers, the song deals with their anxieties - "Can I get it from a touch? Can I get it from a chair?"

On all 15 tracks the singers are starkly accompanied by piano arrangements. Both the sound and production are crystal clear which only heightens the quality of each performance. These are very moving, and at times, depressing and disturbing pieces. Perhaps too often we demand that art entertain us instead of snap us into reality. If that is indeed the case, maybe this disc should have come with an emergency capsule of prozac. ■■■□□

The Flirtations-Live Out On The Road (Flirt Records 1992)

Originally recorded live in Vancouver between December 3 and 7 1991, this is the Flirtations second album. For those not familiar with the group they are 5 openly gay men that perform accapella. Sort of like the Nylons, right? Actually, imagine 5 guys pretending to be the Andrews sisters in camp drag and you'll be close to the essence of the Flirtations. Anyone who thinks accapella is old hat and dull needs to check this out. The group opens the concert with a Nylons' tune called "Bop Til You Drop/At The Hop". Sung at their first rehearsal in January 1988, this song gets gayer and funnier with each improvisation. (Shop till you drop, better Shake n Bake it, Shop for a top.) On "Mr. Sandman" the group goes husband shopping. (No-one psychotic or Republican, Give him two legs like Greg Louganis) And on Julie brown's "Homecoming Queen's Got A Gun" its time for revenge against those kids who used to pick on gay people. Only this time the homecoming queen turns out to be a lesbian in love with her woodworking teacher.

Although there is a lot of humour in the show (especially with audience), the group is capable of being serious. The difficulties of African American mothers

who work low paying jobs and raise families is singled out on "Oughta Be A Woman". Also laid bare is the indifference of some people with regards to AIDS. "Living In Wartime" is a call to arms against those who refuse to acknowledge what is happening (originally used in Larry Kramer's - The Normal Heart). And a heartfelt rendition of "My Buddy / I'll Be Seeing You" is dedicated to the lovers, families and friends of those who have died of AIDS.

But, the boys don't just recognize the boys. There's stuff here for the girls too. "Where's Gloria" is a lesbian Latina Participatory song that gives us the answer, She's run off with Magdalena!

Also gayly reworked for the ladies is "So Much In Love (Lesbian Love)". So, there's something here for everybody, even the homosexually challenged (straight folk).

For most artists it's difficult to put out a live album that captures the excitement of the show. Too often, lights, choreography, dancers and special effects make up half of the performance. This is definitely not a problem for the Flirtations. Listening to this disc is almost as good as being there. ■■■■■■

Brave Boys - The Best And More of Romanovsky And Phillips (Fresh Fruit Records 1994)

The duo Romanovsky and Phillips have been performing together for 12 years now. Through this time they have managed to put out four releases and 70 some songs. Using their talents as singers, songwriters, humorists and activists they have managed to put together an act that touches on all aspects of gay culture.

Using an R & B / rap format R & B tackle the issue of gay rights, or lack thereof on "Ho Ho Homophobia". Taking a ballad approach on "Living With AIDS" they create an uplifting empowering song that deals with our times. Also a ballad is the track "Lost Emotions". The duo base the song on maybe "someday we'll have more than a handful of places where it's safe not to censor our love and affection for each other".

Not everything here is serious though. R & B have a fabulous campy sense of humour, that is often mixed with irony. On "Oh No...I'm In Love (With My Therapist)" they ponder "At \$75 an hour, dinner and a movie should be included". "Womb Envy" examines one man's desire to experience the miracle of birth. And after years of being a good fag and trying to fit in, going to the disco, slamming with the punkers, clogging with the cowboys, R & P come out of the closet accordion and all on "I Like To Polka".

Not as enjoyable are two 70's Air Supply type songs - "These Things" and "To Myself". The duo's love / hurting songs are not quite up to the rest of the material here.

Nevertheless, this is a fine disc with a total of 18

tracks that chronicle gay history. It's also a good cross-section of their material and gives you an idea what to expect from them in concert. ■■■■■■

Pow To The Moon Alice!

Fresh (???) off of musical direction ? sound design for "Supreme Dream", gayly heading into "Rise and Fall of Little Voice" and soon to become a T.V. in "TV-TV" at the Fringe is Lily - Ann Media Whoring. Perhaps more commonly known as Flashback's drag diva Gloria, some of you may also know him as composer / actor / drag queen Darrin Hagen. As the Journal said "It's a boy" and well, as ITV says "It's Ours"

PS - Lily, why isn't "Music Box Dancer" included?

Darrin Hagen's Top 10

1. Kate Bush - This Woman's Work
(Boxed Set) Tormented pop diva's I love 'em.
2. Donna Summer - Anthology
Puberty music, it got me through high school
3. Ricki Lee Jones - Pirates
"Skeletons" moves me deeply, fab concept album
4. Joni Mitchell - Court & Spark
Quintessential Joni
5. This Mortal Coil - Filigree and Shadow
Great M.D.A. trip album
6. Dead Can Dance - Serpent's Egg
Ritual alternative ancient chant music with a gothic edge
7. Tori Amos - Under the Pink
The new Kate Bush
8. Sondheim - Celebration at Carnegie Hall
Parade of the Divas, Minelli, Lupone, Buckley, Bernadette, plus the Harlem Boys choir, 4 part jazz vocalists The Tonics and a chorus of 75 singers. Just incredible.
9. Kieth Jarrett - The Koln Concert
Features a 1/2 hour improvisation on piano recorded live in front of 1000 Germans - Amazing
10. Thomas Dolby - The Gate
New and exciting, like the music I try for.

This inspires me. ■■■■■■

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The Inner Temple:

S/M as a Spiritual Path

Play Hard and play Safe

THE BEAST

What are some basics of safe SM, emotionally and physically?

<This section used to be much bigger. I've broken out the information on each type of activity into the specific topic that talks about that activity; there was just too much material under this one topic.>

SM is often play, and as such is fun! But SM can also get intense and powerful. Here are some useful tips for people just getting started.

First of all, communicate. Let your partner know what you want and don't want. Keep the dialogue going; watch your partner, be aware of what she or he is feeling and thinking, and respect his or her limits. Establish a safeword, and make it very clear that it will be taken EXTREMELY seriously if used. DON'T assume that your partner share the same fantasy as you unless you've EXPLICITLY discussed it with them; just because someone likes being blindfolded doesn't mean they'll enjoy being tied up. And most important, give full permission to both people playing to stop at any time for any reason; respect each other enough to call a halt and work things out if something goes wrong.

Be sensitive. SM play, which can (doesn't have to! but can) involve helplessness, intense sensation, and psychological domination, is strong stuff; it can reach deeply into someone's soul and bring up childhood traumas or hidden fears, without warning. Be aware that you are swimming in deep waters, and be respectful, loving, and careful. Don't let this reality scare you away from SM, though, if you want to experiment; let it make you more aware and open to what both of you are feeling. Most of all, decide for "yourself" whether SM (or elements of SM) has a place in your sex life; don't listen when someone "else" tells you "SM will be OK for you" or "SM will not be OK for you". Only you can make that decision.

Be honest. If you do not want to do something, don't let your partner pressure you into it. When you begin exploring SM, you may often find yourself with a partner who wants something more than you have experience giving, or who's right now in the mood for

something that

you're "not" in the mood for. In my experience, it's generally better to say, "Whoa, I think we're wanting different things. Let's talk." Doing a scene when you don't really want to can result in anything from a lukewarm scene to something you just wish was over. There is plenty of time... honesty, and not pushing, will lay a foundation of trust that will stand you in good stead later.

One especially charged kind of D/S play is dominance and submission, in which the bottom gives up some of their freedom of choice to the top, who can command them. Though many people with strong boundaries can play like this perfectly safely (and indeed derive enormous happiness and satisfaction from doing it), this kind of play can carry some real emotional risks for people with low self-esteem.

If you have issues around your personal sense of self-worth, and if you feel that being submissive (albeit perhaps an enticing idea) might serve to confirm and consolidate your negative self-image, you would do well to think hard about whether D/S play is for you at this stage of your life. The answer may well be "no." (And conversely, if you are considering topping someone who wants to submit because they deserve no better, you might consider whether you want a partner who thinks so little of themselves.) In general, it's imperative for everyone who does SM to look hard at their motivations and their boundaries, and to be clear on whether the SM (whatever form it may take) is self-actualizing or self-destructive. It may not be all black-and-white, either; there may be some particular activities or roles or words that will make you feel unsafe, scared, or worthless and you may well want to avoid those activities/roles/words. That is exactly what negotiation is for; you have the right to do what feels good to you and avoid what does not, and you have the right to insist your partner respect your boundaries. (This goes for any relationship, of course, BDSM or not.) The discussion of "when do dom/sub relationships become excessive or abusive" is an ongoing one on a.s.b, and for good reason; it's an important topic.

BDSM may at times be therapeutic, but it is in no sense a substitute for therapy. It's been said that "you can't take power from the powerless." A healthy D/S relationship is grounded in mutual respect, and in the knowledge that both partners are choosing this life in a fully informed, non-coerced manner; the submissive is proud to submit, and the dominant is proud to receive the gift of their submission. It is a very different thing from an abusive relationship in which one partner controls the

other partner's entire world, with the goal of making that partner irrevocably and helplessly dependent.

Back to the physical plane: If you are the top, and you are tying your bottom up, keep your attention on what you're doing. Your bottom is going to be blissing out; it's up to you to see that they're comfortable and kept amused. The "amusement" can be as nasty as you please, but see that they don't get bored; that's seldom fun.) Indeed, if you as top really are displeased with your submissive for breaking an agreement the two of you had made, ignoring them or sending them away may be the harshest punishment you can administer. But that's pretty advanced.)

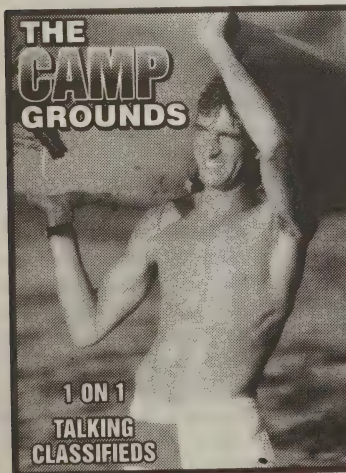
Remember AIDS. Almost everything beyond closed-lip kissing and bare-skin contact is potentially unsafe, unless some kind of latex barrier is used. No unprotected contact between any combination of fingers, genitals, mouth and anus; use a latex dam (or saran wrap) for cunnilingus or rimming (i.e. oral-anal contact), gloves for manual penetration, condoms on dildos and dicks. Use water-based lubricants such as ForPlay, Astroglide, Wet, KY Jelly; if the lube has nonoxynol-9 in it (which kills HIV) all the better (but some people are allergic to nono-9). OILS AND OIL-BASED LUBES DISSOLVE LATEX; keep the mineral or massage oil away from your gloves and condoms (and latex clothing for that matter!).

Blood, semen, female secretions, urine... all carry HIV. Play hard, but play safe. (One interesting thing about SM is that it expands the range of safe ways for people to pleasure each other! But it also expands the range of unsafe ways to play....) There are more safety

tips, but if you want the in-depth skinny, check some of the books at the end.

Many tops come up with an SM safety kit, containing (among other things) such items as a flashlight, duplicate keys for all locks, bandage, scissors (with one flat blade) for speedy bondage removal, a first aid kit with all the standard first aid items, disinfectant (such as Bactine or Hibiclens) for toys which come in contact with bodily fluids, safer sex supplies (sometimes including several varieties of lubricant—different people like different sorts), and so on. See SM 101 (a book listed in the Resources section) for an excellent description of such a kit. And there are some things that are commonly regarded as potentially too dangerous to do unless you've been taught by someone who knows. Suspension is one: there are lots of things that can go wrong, and many of them can result in severe injury. Crucifixion is an especially hazardous form of suspension. And body piercing is also not for the novice; it takes know-how and precision, and a mistake can result in a really big mess.

Fortunately, most SM activities, such as bondage, spanking and teasing, are not nearly so severe; you can start out light and buildup the intensity as far as you both want to go. Pay attention to what you're doing and use common sense and you'll likely be fine. In general, start out slow and PRACTICE! You will learn quickly and you'll have fun all along the way, and soon you'll be places you'd only dreamt about! Play hard and Play Safe. THE BEAST



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A SPECIAL EVENING - PRIDE AWARDS 95

By Councillor Michael Phair

As June approaches I suddenly realize that Gay and Lesbian Pride Week will be here before I know it! It's a week of celebration that I look forward to and that I am really proud to be part of with Edmonton's lesbian and gay community.

The opening event for Pride 95 will include the Pride Awards and another wonderful night of film and video brought to you by Queer Sightings Film Society. It's becoming a tradition to have this celebratory kick-off to the week and I'm thrilled that Queer Sightings is again on board!

This will be the third year that awards have been presented to individuals, organizations and for special events in our community. Inaugurated in 1993 by that year's Pride Committee, the Maureen Irwin Award and the Michael Phair Award are given annually. The intention was that a lesbian and a gay man who had contributed substantially to our community over a number of years would be recognized and honoured. Both Maureen and I received the 1993 awards and were honoured and humbled - it was a thrill that we will not forget!

The success and interest that was germinated in 1993 prompted the 1994 Pride Committee to add Pride Certificates as an additional category of recognition. Certificates are awarded to individuals who have made specific contributions in the past couple of years, to recognize special events held by or for our community, or to organizations that should be recognized for their achievements. Thus in 1994 we presented Pride Certificates to six individuals and organizations for their work in the lesbian and gay community. Following in the tradition set in the first year, Maureen was pleased to present the Maureen Irwin Award to Liz Massiah and I presented the Michael Phair Award to Charles Bidwell.

Recently I was asked why we need awards for lesbians and gay men and whether such recog-

nition makes any difference. There are many reasons why I support such awards and encourage others to do the same. From my perspective the Pride Awards:

1. Recognize the voluntary contributions made by so many gays and lesbians to our community. Not only is it important to support and recognize such voluntarism but it is rare that our contributions are noted at all by the rest of society so we must do it for ourselves;
2. Generate pride and enthusiasm in members of the lesbian and gay community. I cannot tell you how proud I was to receive the Michael Phair Award - let alone have it named for me! It is energizing to be recognized by one's peers and that only happens with this kind of award;
3. Provide an historical record of achievement by individuals, organizations and events that become part of Edmonton's lesbian and gay community history; and
4. Establish community role models, goals and inspiration for groups and individuals in the gay and lesbian community. Affirming the valuable work of an individual volunteer or organizations sets standards and goals that promote the healthy growth of our community in Edmonton.

As in previous years it is easy for any person or organization to participate. YOUR nominations are needed for the 1995 Michael Phair and Maureen Irwin Awards and for the Pride Certificates. If you need information or criteria please call Maureen at 454-8031. Most organizations will have been mailed requests for nominations. Send nominations **by May 31** to: Awards Committee c/o Pride 95, GLCCE Box 1852, Edmonton T5J 2P2. So make the Pride Awards 95 / Queer Sightings a date on your calendar for June 16 and I will see you at the Library Theatre for this year's announcements!

Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

The NAMES Project - Canada / Le projet des NOMS - Canada

The Presence of Absence

The Names Project attracted great community response during its last visit to Edmonton in 1990. Organizers are expecting more than 100,000 people to view the exhibit. "The Works" attracts more than 250,000 visitors to downtown Edmonton each year, and it delighted to feature The Names Project this summer.

Funds raised for the display of the quilt directly help the following Edmonton AIDS service organizations:

Living Positive - Edmonton Persons Living with HIV Society
AIDS Network of Edmonton Society
Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society
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MAMIHLAPINATAPAI

by Murray Billet

This word is the most succinct word I have ever come across. It describes some individuals who want to see changes occur in our community and in our society. The ones that wish and hope for political change.

Mamihlapinatapai is a Feugian [southern most Argentina and Chile] word, meaning: **"Looking at each other hoping that either will offer to do something which both parties desire but are unwilling to do."**

We all face circumstances which frustrate us or make us angry. We say to ourselves, "someone should do something about that!", Which begs the question, who is that someone? Cynicism and apathy are far too prevalent today, particularly when it comes to matters of a political nature. It is all too easy to complain and not do anything. Far too many individuals fail to respond to a society that continues to discriminate against us. Could you be that someone? I believe each of us has a responsibility to assist in our community's struggle for equality and recognition. A common reply is that one person can't make any real difference. In fact, in some way, each of us does have the ability to make a difference.

There are those who have proven that one person can make a great deal of difference. Svend Robinson, MP, now running for the leadership of the federal New Democrats, is a pioneer in our community who continues our struggle, he needs your help.

Glen Murray, Michael Phair, the first "Out" gay men to be elected to city council in Winnipeg and Edmonton respectively. They both made provincial political history for being the first out gay men, ever elected to public office in those provinces. Sherry McKibben was the first "Out" lesbian to be elected in Alberta and in Canada. They all got involved in the political arena to work for changes that affect our communities. Municipal elections are being held in Calgary and Edmonton on Oct. 16. Richard Gregory is running for the first time in Ward 8 in Calgary. In Edmonton, Michael Phair

(Ward 4) and Sherry McKibben (Ward 3) are both running for a second term. Are you ready to assist and get politically active in our community? They need your help.

So what is political action anyway? It begins when an individual or a group of people identify a goal that they want to achieve or a change that they want to effect and begin the process of achieving that goal or effecting that change. Political action is the process of identifying the goal or change and then engaging in a planned course of action to achieve the goal or change. Political action is intervention in a process or a reality and changing it. We exercise a very specific type of intervention at election time when we all go to a polling booth and cast a ballot for the candidate we think will be the best elected representative in government. But I also remind you that we also exercise a type of intervention each time we raise our voices and say: **"Excuse me, but this is what I firmly believe."**

Members of our diverse community and our communities at large, now have an opportunity to get involved in an effort to ensure that we have effective voices on our City Councils. Donations of money or goods in kind are always required in a campaign. Whether you live in a city or a small town or a rural area you can help.

In recent years, much has changed in our community, however, there is still a long way to go. I challenge each of you to make the time to get involved, for you, your family and your community. The hard work and dedication of others before us has improved our lives for us. Now it is our turn to continue this struggle.

Many individuals generously gave their time and energy to our community projects. Congratulations to each of you that are involved and are making a difference. You know these individuals, let them know you appreciate what they are doing. Ask them how you can help. If you really can't do anything else, please, **please ensure that you get out and vote.** Find out where

each candidate stands on issues that matter to you and your community. Yes **YOU** can make a difference. If the opportunity for change presents itself, are you going to be there to make that change? It feels good knowing you are making a difference and you do have something to contribute. The more you get involved the more you learn that even little ol' you can indeed make a difference.

If you really hate politics, then look at all the other areas in our community that require assistance or volunteers to work on issues like:

Individual Rights Protection Act Amendments, Same Gender Benefits, Theological Issues, Family Issues, Gay Fathers & Lesbian Mothers, Custody of Children, Having Children, Adopting Children, HIV & AIDS, Sensitivity Training, Partnership Agreements, Wills, Living Wills, Teenage Suicide, Heterosexism, Homophobia, Gay Bashing, Media Issues, there are interest groups in many areas of the province. These are some of the important issues, our struggle must continue. Pick up the phone and check with the resource center. There is much to be done in our community. Hey, you could even write an article for our community newspapers. Get active, get political!

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G.M.O.C. Update

by Cameron Rycroft

SEX, SEX, SEX, SEX, SEX, SEX, SEX. (Ha, now I've got your attention.) Sex is great! Well, okay, maybe not all the time for everyone, but, people keep having sex, so there must be something that draws us all back. Anyway, some people would have everyone else believe that abstinence, in the face of AIDS, is the only solution. Yeah right. Let's face it, our society revolves around sex and sexuality, and while abstinence is an option, for most people it is not a reality. Others would have people believe that condoms detract from intimacy and pleasure. Not so. Condoms are fun and sexy. In terms of intimacy, what is more intimate than showing your lover you care for him, and his well being, by using a condom. In terms of pleasure, try out different brands of condoms, you may find one that fits just right and becomes totally erotic for you. Or try putting a drop of water based lubricant, or a pinch of cornstarch, in the tip of the condom before you put it on, for a different pleasure sensation. The point is, HIV is still being spread, AIDS still exists and everyone can get it. To help stop the spread of HIV, protect both yourself and your sex

partner, when you have sex, use a condom.

If you still want to know more about safer sex and erotic safer sex practices, consider checking out the GMOC workshop, "Celebrating Safer Sex", which will be run on Sunday, June 18th, at 12:30 p.m., during Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. (June 16th through 25th, 1995.) There will also be a Lesbian Safer Sex workshop run the day before, Saturday, June 17th, at 1:00 p.m., for any lesbians with safer sex questions.

If that's not enough for you, you may want to drop by THE AIDS NETWORK, before or after those dates, as we just received four new, EXPLICIT, safer sex videos. Three are gay male videos and one is a lesbian women's video which deal with both sexual and non-sexual issues (coming out, relationships, etc.). Each video is about 50 minutes long and resource staff are always available to provide more information and answer any questions after you watch.

In addition to these activities, The Gay and Lesbian Archives have asked the G.M.O.C. to submit material to their collections. Some of this collection will be on display, during Pride Week, at Latitude 53 Gallery, along with other pieces from the archives, so go and have a look.

Finally, me! Hi, my name is Cam, and I will be your G.M.O.C. Outreach Coordinator for the summer. To sign up for any activities or if you have any G.M.O.C./Safer Sex related questions, feel free to use your overhead call button, at 488-5742, and either Mark Bilko or myself will be happy to assist you. In the mean time: PRACTICE SAFER SEX AND BE PROUD OF IT.



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SOUNDS OF JOY

By Jon Burden

Welcome to another Times 10 magazine, and a new view on club life. Club life in Edmonton needs help and help is on the way with summer around the corner. New clubs are opening throughout the city. Look for a new underground club that just opened in the downtown area and another that is well on its way on Whyte Ave. You ask what is an underground club? Well its a club that stays open longer then the average club which has hours of 8.pm to 3 am. This club may start later but will end as late as 7 am. So if your favourite club closes at 3.am there is still room to party. And remember club life is a part of being young and if you stop going you start to feel old and before you know it, your selling vacuums to your neighbours. Moving along lets look at the music point in life.

UNDERGROUND CLASSICS

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Ollie red-eye-Checkin da cuts A groovy sound you would expect to hear from New York. A male vocalist with a deep sound of clashing bass. This is under the class of underground Rap.

ELASTIC REALITY

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CASSA DE X

Give this jive a go. A house track that is unbelievable. For those of you that like the female vocalist that really goes to the

grove, this is a must to your music collection.

X-STATIC

PRESENTS

I,M STANDING (HIGHER) This is going to be a dance floor filler. A little too commercial but not to much. This should come out on C.D. soon if not already but if its not you can find it on 12".

FRESH

PRESENTS

"U SURE DO"

I almost fell over when I viewed this cut. Screaming love Matt Cantor and Andy Gardner pull you in with a "fresh" tune.

FRESH

Presents

MR. ROY

That's right Fresh record labels pull out another one from there pot of gold . You will have to be chained down if you don't want to get up and swing your arms around to the beat. WOW!

TRIBAL

Presents

"SO GET UP"(KING SIZE REMIX)

Some clubies will know this vibe. But hold on to your seats, this is a new and improved mix. If you liked the old mix you will love the new.

SCOOTER

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MOVE YOUR ASS!

I stuck this in here for all you hard core trance and rave lovers. This track stacks up like a deck of cards. It starts smooth and ends hard.

MOBY

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EVERYTHING IS WRONG

WOW! This whole C.D. is something to look forward to. It sucks about as much as winning a car, as find the love of your life, as getting a good job in the city of Edmonton "good luck on the job" But you can buy the C.D. at most music stores.

Well I am going to close it off till next magazine so express yourself to the fullest. Eat lots, Love lots, and keep on the grove. P.S IF you have any comments write me: D.J JOY c/o Times .10 Magazine, Box 932, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5J 2L8.

Burnt Offerings by Caleb Care

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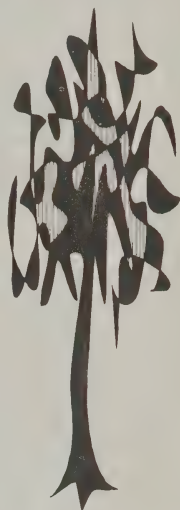
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Succumb to your desire
My soul to you, I do offer

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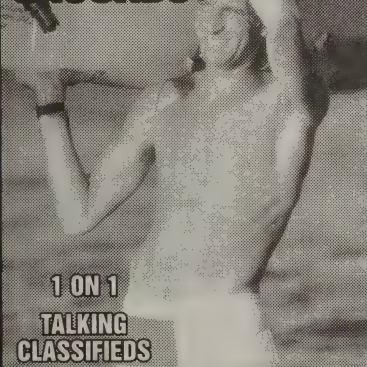
Abandon your thoughts
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CDC NAC Standard Searches
"Children and Families and HIV/AIDS, Educational Materials," inventory number D279
"Preventing the Transmission of HIV, Materials on Condoms and Abstinence," inventory number D003
"HIV/AIDS and Women, Educational Materials," inventory number D274

Fact Sheets

CDC Fact Sheet, Facts About Women and HIV/AIDS, inventory number D290
National Institute of Health (NIH) Office of Alternative Therapies, HIV/AIDS and Alternative Therapies, Fact Sheet Number 7, inventory number D775

Guides

Because You Love Them: A Parent's Planning Guide, inventory number D251
Selected HIV Services and Materials for Women, inventory number B411

Internet Resources

A Guide to Selected AIDS-related Electronic BBSs and Internet Resources, pathfinder, inventory number B313
CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse Internet Services, fact sheet, inventory number B291

Posters

How About Dinner, A Movie, and A Talk About AIDS?, inventory number P079
She Shows All the Signs of Having HIV, inventory number P550
Tell Him He Has a Choice of What To Wear, inventory number P734
What To Look For In A Man, inventory number P736
Your Sex Partner For Life, inventory number P735

Organizations With A National Focus

These organizations offer extensive or specialized services for women that are beyond the scope of smaller, local organizations. To find out about local programs in your area, call the Clearinghouse at 800-458-5231.

AIDS Hotline for Women
580 14th St., NW Atlanta, GA 30309

(404) 874-7551

The AIDS Hotline for Women, provided by the Feminist Women's Health Center, is an anonymous hotline for women who are HIV positive, diagnosed as living with AIDS, or who are at-risk. It educates, distributes information, and refers callers.

Center for Women Policy Studies
National Resource Center on Women and AIDS
2000 P St., NW., Ste. 508
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 872-1770

The Center for Women Policy Studies (CWPS) serves as a centralized resource for researchers, policymakers, advocates, and caregivers. The Center has taken leadership on a range of AIDS policy issues affecting women, working closely with members of Congress and community leaders. It is the principal national, nongovernmental policy and advocacy organization addressing AIDS issues from women's perspectives, with attention to the self-defined needs of women of color. Special programs include the WomanCARE Policy Advocacy Project, the Surveillance Issues for Women Project, the Virucide Research Advocacy Project, the PS Emergency Fund for HIV-Positive Women, and the Prevention Principles for Women Collaborative Project.

Gay Men's Health Crisis

Lesbian AIDS Project
129 W. 20th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 337-3532
The Gay Men's Health Crisis, Lesbian AIDS Project (LAP) provides support for lesbians and bisexuals living with AIDS. The Positively Lesbian Network offers skills building workshops on stress management, and safer sex.

National Task Force on Prostitution

P.O. Box 2113
New York NY 19925-2834
(212) 866-8854
The National Task Force on Prostitution (NTFP) was founded in 1979 to act as an umbrella organization for prostitutes and prostitutes' rights organizations in different parts of the U.S. In 1994, its scope was expanded to include other organizations and individuals who support the rights of prostitutes and other sex workers. The NTFP supports the rights of sex workers to organize on their own behalf, use safer sex techniques while working, work without legal repression, travel without legal restrictions, have families, and enjoy the same rights, responsibilities, and privileges as others.

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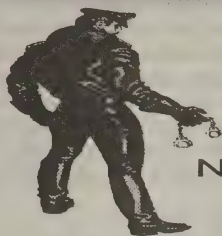
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Women & HIV Resource Guide

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National Women and HIV/AIDS Project
710 Eye St., SE.
Washington DC 20003
(202) 547-1155

The National Women and HIV/AIDS Project (NWAP) is a national nonprofit organization committed to the issues of women living with HIV/AIDS and women at risk of contracting HIV infection. The goals are to develop program models that allow women to become effective advocates, to become involved in the development of HIV/AIDS programs and policies, and to increase funding to community programs.

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Peace Education Program
Womyn and AIDS Education Project
130 19th Ave., SE.
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(813) 822-5522

Peace Education Program, Womyn and AIDS Education Project (WAEP) is a nonprofit grassroots coalition of concerned individuals and activist groups. These groups work to provide information related to women and HIV/AIDS for the purpose of raising awareness among the general public, the medical establishment, minority communities, lesbians, minority women, and low income women.

Women's AIDS Network
c/o S.F.A.F.
25 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94101-6182
(415) 621-4160

The Women's AIDS Network (WAN) provides various AIDS education and information dissemination services. WAN provides a forum for information exchange among members who include women in the medical, mental health, and social services fields, along with community activists and social and political advocates and women living with HIV. Other services include education, a speakers bureau, and referrals. A Special Women's Fund provides small grants to women living with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco.

Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases
3948 Webster St.
Oakland CA 94609
(510) 658-6930

Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases (WORLD) works to provide support and information to women with HIV/AIDS and their friends, families, and loved ones; educate and inspire women with HIV/AIDS to advocate for themselves, one another, and their communities; and promote public awareness of women's HIV/AIDS issues. WORLD offers support

groups, retreats, sponsors conferences, offers a speakers bureau, provides information and referrals, and publishes newsletters.

Electronic Bulletin Boards and Internet Resources

AEGIS_World_HQ

mary.elizabeth@aegis.hivnet.org

AEGIS_World_HQ BBS is the hub of the AIDS Education and General Information System (AEGIS), a growing network of HIV-related electronic bulletin boards. It includes many newsletters, hundreds of files that can be downloaded, and has a comprehensive collection

of AIDS education and prevention, treatment, and legal information. It is available via PC Pursuit. Anyone can access AEGIS free at connections up to 9600 baud. For more information, contact Sister Mary Elizabeth, Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, P.O. Box 184, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693-0184, (714) 248-2836.

(Times 10 Editor's Note: Arrangements were made so that most of these files are available through your local BBS operators here in Edmonton. They are free of charge.)

Guide to Internet Resources for Women, Clearinghouse for Subject-Oriented Internet Resource Guides gopher inform.umd.edu, telnet inform.umd.edu Includes to women's health, women's studies, feminist studies, bisexual resources, and other subjects.

Women's Health Gopher

gopher.berkeley.edu Path: Libraries and Academic Support/Research Databases and Resources by Subject /Women_Gender Studies/Women's Wire Gopher/ Women's Health

Contains extensive information on women's health, eating disorders, and emotional information. This is the home gopher for the National Institute of Health gopher.

Rice Health Center Gopher

riceinfo.rice.edu

Path: Health and Safety at Rice/HealthInfo/HIV_AIDS Contains a study on women and HIV which includes how risk factors for women have increased, and how women can reduce their risk of contracting the virus. It also includes a guide for caring for someone with AIDS.

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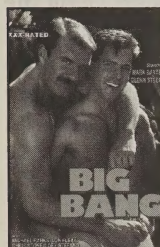
member agencies of the Canadian AIDS Society from June 7 - 11. This annual meeting brings delegates together to conduct the business of the national society. A public reception is scheduled for June 7. About 20 volunteers will be needed to assist at an information table in the daytime. If you are interested in volunteering for one day please contact the Volunteer Department at 488-5742.



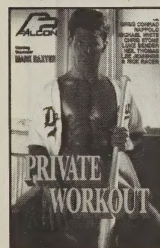
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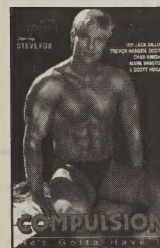
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
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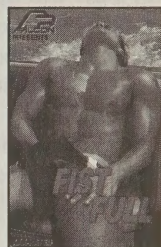
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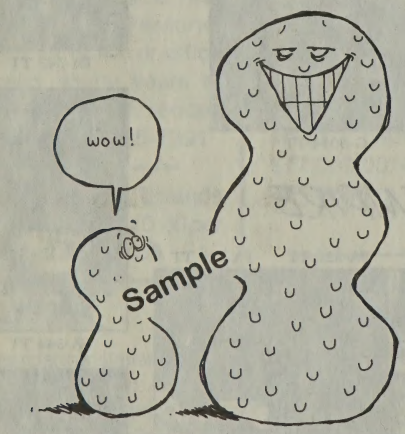
Peanut Envy (c), which has affected most of us, is a new business venture recently started by Scott and James, no last names please. Created last July, when a peanut character was drawn up for a window display. The comedic duo asked themselves, "Why stop at Peanut Envy?" There is a goldmine, afterall, with poking (no pun intended) fun at peanuts. With examples like the severed peanut, circumsized peanut, and of course the driving force with many of us, the well hung peanut.

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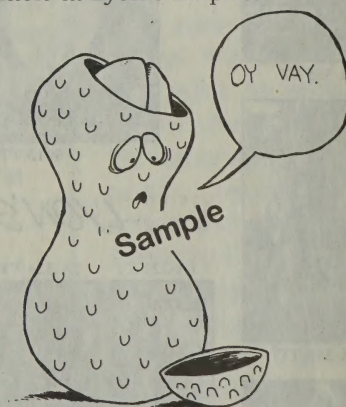
the easy part. The mixed couple (one straight and one gay) decided to either go big or go home.

They joined the major league with the likes of Carlton, Hallmark, and American Greetings. They were welcomed with a polite P.F.O. ,(Please F. Off).

However, the Man, the limited vision corporate hasn't kept this creative team down. With plans such as dragging the sorry (blank for obvious reasons) world kicking, screaming and laughing into the 21st century, one can expect more hilarious comedic writings to follow. In the meantime, Peanut Envy Cards are available at Lyon's Empire.



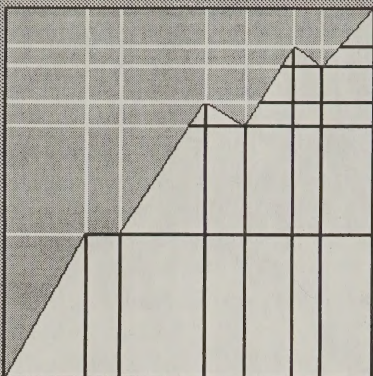
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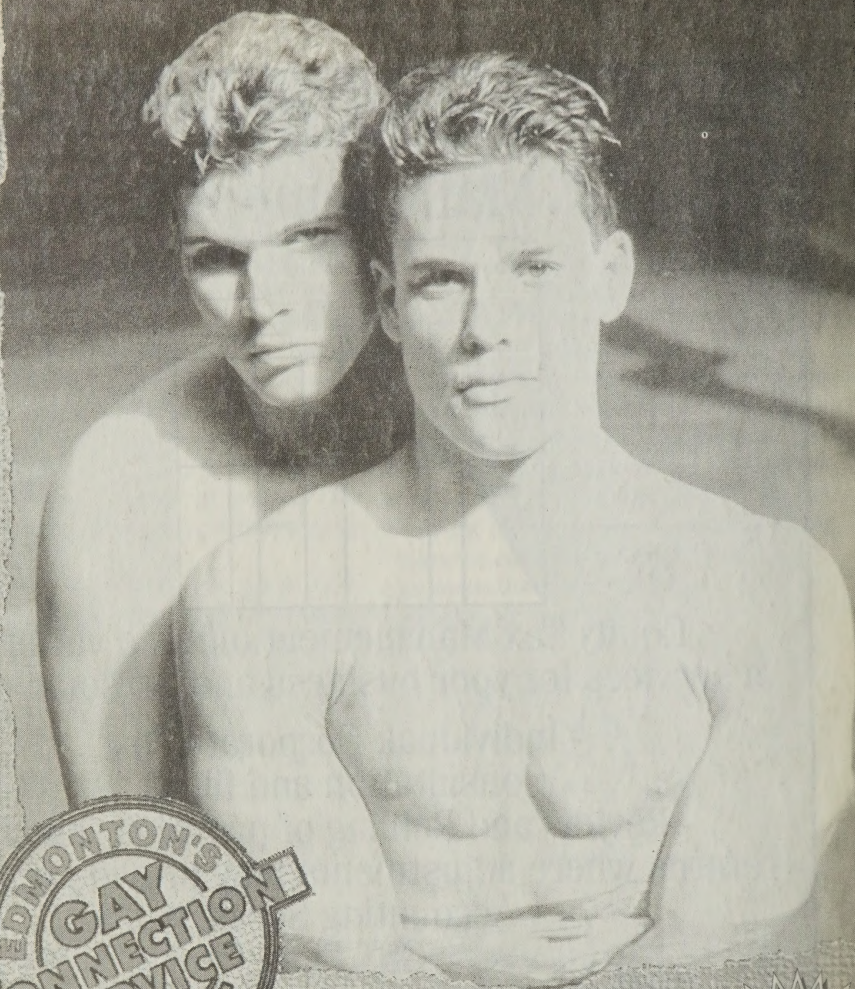


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